

2020 Second Extraordinary Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 16

BY REPRESENTATIVES COUSSAN, DAVIS, EDMONDS, GOUDEAU, JAMES,  
JORDAN, MCKNIGHT, AND SELDERS

CONDOLENCES: Expresses condolences on the death of James Michell "Jimmy"  
Bernhard

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To express the condolences of the House of Representatives upon the death of James  
3 Michell "Jimmy" Bernhard.

4 WHEREAS, Jimmy was born on December 4, 1925, in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, to  
5 William and Christabell Bernhard; he was a graduate of Catholic High School in Baton  
6 Rouge and was honored as one of the school's "Grizzly Greats"; and

7 WHEREAS, Jimmy attended Louisiana State University, where he was a standout  
8 athlete on both the basketball and football teams; he served as captain of the LSU Tigers'  
9 football team and also played semi-professional baseball in Baton Rouge while attending  
10 LSU; and

11 WHEREAS, Jimmy married the love of his life, Barbara Savage Bernhard, on April  
12 11, 1953; they had four children and moved to Lafayette to establish their family home and  
13 Jimmy's mechanical contracting business; Jimmy led Bernhard Mechanical Contractors for  
14 over fifty years; his contracting company remains one of the largest and oldest companies  
15 in the state of Louisiana; and

16 WHEREAS, Jimmy was very active in both his faith and civic communities; he was  
17 a dedicated member of Holy Cross Catholic Church in Lafayette, where he served as an  
18 integral member of the Knights of Columbus; Jimmy served as chairman of many charitable  
19 events in Lafayette, most notably hosting the Harlem Globetrotters at a fundraiser for  
20 Cathedral Carmel High School; and

1 WHEREAS, James Michell "Jimmy" Bernhard is survived by his wife, Barbara;  
2 children, Jim Bernhard, Jr., and his wife Dana Reneau Bernhard, Janice Bernhard Slaughter,  
3 Kenneth "Kenny" Bernhard, and his wife Elaine Wimberly Bernhard, and Peggy Elaine  
4 Bernhard; brother, Charles R. Bernhard; twelve grandchildren; twelve great-grandchildren;  
5 and many nieces, nephews, cousins, and beloved friends; and

6 WHEREAS, Jimmy was an exceptionally successful man who was incredibly  
7 generous with his time and talents throughout his life; he will be deeply missed.

8 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the  
9 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby express heartfelt condolences upon the death of James  
10 Michell "Jimmy" Bernhard; does hereby recognize Jimmy for his selfless generosity  
11 throughout his life; and does hereby extend sincere hopes and wishes that his family and  
12 friends find comfort during this difficult time.

13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the  
14 family of James Michell "Jimmy" Bernhard.

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